



John Kuhn

April 21, 1948 - August 12, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey

John M. Kuhn, 71, of Godfrey, IL, passed away on Monday morning, August 12, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

John was born on April 21, 1948. He graduated from Alton High School in 1966. On November 28, 1970, he married Elizabeth (Swinney) Kuhn. He started working with his father at Owens-Illinois Glass after high school, before starting his career with Amoco in Wood River. With Amoco/BP, John held various positions during his 25 years - including working as a Machinist, a Maintenance Foreman, and Maintenance Planner. In 1994, he transferred with Amoco to Charleston, SC before retiring in 2000. After retiring, he moved back to Illinois to be closer to his family.

John was an avid bowler – bowling 4 or 5 nights a week in his early years. He loved being on the water in his boat, whether it was fishing with family or pulling kids on skis and tubes. In retirement, he spent his time golfing, working on model trains for his grandkids, and working with wood. He loved to turn baseball bats and wine stoppers on his lathe. He was also very active in the Evangelical Church Choir. That said, few things brought him more joy than riding his John Deere and mowing his yard.

In addition to being a loving husband, he was a proud father and grandpa. Known for showing up hours before a game with his cow bell, he loved cheering on his kids/grandkids in whatever activities they were involved. He helped with numerous Boy Scout events, coached his sons in soccer and

baseball, and drove countless miles in retirement to watch baseball, softball, football, concerts, theatre productions, volleyball matches, triathlons, and Tae Kwon Do.

John was also notorious for baffling younger generations with references such as “Carlton the Doorman”, “That’s one of those Life of Riley revoltin’ developments”, and “That’s why they have that sign!”

John is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of 48 years, his two sons: Michael (Cheri) Kuhn of Normal, IL and Jeffrey (Monica) Kuhn of McKinney, TX, his two brothers: Ron (Lynn) Kuhn of Godfrey, IL, and Gary (Karen) Kuhn of Knoxville, TN, his four grandchildren: Josh, Jen, Jessica, and Nate, and many loving nieces, nephews and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norbert and Mary Ellen (Krug) Kuhn.

There really just aren’t enough words to describe how incredible this DUDE was or how much he will be missed.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 2019 at Evangelical United Church of Christ, 1212 W Homer M Adams in Godfrey, IL 62035. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto, IL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ, the William M. BeDell ARC, or a charity of your choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

10 Erwin Plegge Blvd.
Bethalto, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
1212 Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Funeral

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Kuhn*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John Kuhn*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the Kuhn family. I just heard about this today. I'm so sorry I did not know. John was such a warm, caring person. Thoughts and prayers to his mom, brothers, sister in-law, nephews and all his extended family and friends. I know he will be missed.*



Melissa Florance-Lynch - September 03, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Kuhn.*



August 16, 2019 at 09:06 AM

LH

“ *Laura Huff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Kuhn.*



Laura Huff - August 14, 2019 at 06:14 PM

BD

“ *Remembering John as a classmate of mine at AHS. I am sorry for your loss and pray blessings, peace and wonderful memories shared as you celebrate his life.*

*Brenda Keltie Dennis
AHS Class of 1966*

Brenda Dennis - August 14, 2019 at 02:47 PM

MB

“ *Marla Baker purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Kuhn.*



Marla Baker - August 14, 2019 at 06:45 AM

MA

“ To the Kuhn family,

*My heart is saddened for your loss. John was such a great man. He was always a mainstay on our NHL league(nursing home league). I will miss his big smile and wit on the golf course.
Love and prayers to all.*

Margaret Ingram

Margaret - August 13, 2019 at 07:21 PM

JC

“ To the Kuhn Family,

We are all saddened by your loss. John was such a nice guy and always fun to be around. Those bowling days were awesome memories for many in the Cox family!! We are making a donation to the ARC foundation in John's name. Heaven got a good one, for sure! God bless!

Joe, Tina, and Betty Cox

Joe Cox - August 13, 2019 at 06:33 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss, Liz and family! You are in my thoughts and prayer. Judy clark

Judy Clark - August 13, 2019 at 05:44 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear this. John and I were friends in high school, seemed he always had a quick smile for everyone. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

Susan Lewis Mehan

Susan Mehan - August 13, 2019 at 02:54 PM

JK

“ Liz and family we are so sorry to hear about John. What a great guy you will be missed so much. We enjoyed all of our get together when you lived in SC. The world was always a better place with your smiling face in it. I know you will always be watching down on everyone. Lots of hugs and prayers to you and your family Liz. Love always Kay and JP

JP and Kay - August 13, 2019 at 02:13 PM